

FO - 212.06

FISHING REGULATIONS - SYLVANIA WILDERNESS AREA, OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST, GOGEBIC COUNTY

Under the authority of sections 41101 through 41105 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.41101 through 324.41105 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on September 8, 2005, ordered for a period of five years, that the following fishing regulations be established on the Sylvania Wilderness Area, Gogebic County.

It shall be unlawful to take fish in any manner from the special provision lakes in the Sylvania area of the Ottawa National Forest in Sections 1 through 36, T44N, R40W, and Sections 31, 32 and 34, T45N, R40W, Gogebic County, except as follows:

1. **Seasons**

Statewide seasons apply on all fish species except that no fishing shall be allowed before the last Saturday in April or after October 31 of each year.

2. **Size Limits**

- a. Lake trout, not less than 30 inches.
- b. Walleye, not less than 20 inches.
- c. Northern pike not less than 30 inches.
- d. All other species, no size limit unless otherwise regulated.

3. **Daily Possession Limit**

- a. Northern pike, walleye, lake trout, not more than 1 fish of any of these species.
- b. All other species, 10 singly or in any combination of species unless otherwise regulated.
- c. Largemouth or smallmouth bass, must be returned immediately to the water without injury. Possession of any bass, regardless of where taken is prohibited on the special provision lakes of the Sylvania area.

4. **Method of Take**

- a. Hook and line fishing only.
- b. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used for fishing. "Artificial lure" for the purpose of this Order means any lure that is man-made, in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait, used to attract fish for the purpose of taking them, and shall include artificial flies.
- c. Live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food or scented material may not be used or possessed at any time on the waters or shore of special provision Sylvania Lakes (listed below).

5. **Special Provision Lakes**

All species of fish may be taken subject to the provisions of this Order in Banks, East Bear, West Bear, Clark, Corey, Cub, Deer Island, Dorothy, Elsie, Fisher, Florence, Germain, Glimmerglass, Golden Silence, Hay, Helen, High, Honey, Katherine, Kerr, Jay, Johnston Springs, Liluis, Lois, Loon, Louise, Marsh, Moss, Mountain, Snap Jack, Trapper and Whitefish lakes.

This order is assigned number FO-212.06, and is titled "Fishing Regulations - Sylvania Wilderness Area, Ottawa National Forest, Gogebic County".

This order rescinds the order entitled "Fishing Regulations - Sylvania Wilderness Area, Ottawa National Forest, Gogebic County" effective September 29, 2002, and assigned number FO-212.02.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2006, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2011.